

# MERCER RATE LETTERS

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## About Rate Certification Letters

- The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) has contracted with Mercer Government Human Services Consulting to develop actuarially sound capitation rate ranges for the Healthy Louisiana program (formerly Bayou Health).
- Rate certification letters certify universal rates for a given time period, e.g., a contract year. Rates shown in these letters are not the rates actually paid to participating Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), as the actual rates are MCO-specific, reflecting the universal rates in the rate letter adjusted for the health risk of each MCO's unique membership.
- Original rate letters are often replaced with revised rate letters for the same time period. Revisions are necessary whenever there are programmatic changes (e.g., changes in services or populations covered) that impact rates effective within the original rate letter time period. Revisions may cover the entire period or only part of the period (going forward from the effective date of a program change prior to the end the period).
- Sometimes a rate letter is supplemented with an issue-specific companion certification. For example, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Primary Care Physician (PCP) enhanced payment, which was an add-on to PMPMs paid in 2013 and 2014 as required by Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act, had its own certification letter.
- Actual rates paid to the MCOs can change independent of the rate letter. Specifically, rates are risk adjusted twice a year. If there are no program changes during the rate period, then the original rate letter would stand while the original rates would be replaced with the mid-year risk adjusted rates.

### ***NOTES FOR UNDERSTANDING THE TABLES BELOW:***

\* All published rate certifications are provided in the tables below. Any rate certification that was subsequently revised and superseded by another rate certification is noted as “**Not Applicable**” in the column labeled “Actual Period Covered” and shaded in light gray.

\* When the “Actual Period Covered” differs from the “Original Period Certified,” the revised end date for the “Actual Period Covered” is displayed in *red, italic text*.

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### Healthy Louisiana / Bayou Health 2.0 (Feb 2015 – Jan 2018)

#### Risk-bearing MCO Rate Certification Letters

Certification Date	Original Period Certified	Actual Period Covered
<a href="#">February 26, 2016</a>	February 2016 – January 2017	February 1, 2016 - present
<a href="#">November 20, 2015</a>	December 2015 – January 2016	December 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 <i>SPECIALIZED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</i>
<a href="#">November 4, 2015</a>	December 2015 – January 2016	December 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 <i>NEMT SERVICES</i>
<a href="#">October 15, 2015</a>	December 2015 – January 2016	December 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016 <i>PHYSICAL HEALTH</i>
<a href="#">October 12, 2015</a>	July 2015 – January 2016	July 1, 2015 – <i>November 30, 2015</i>
<a href="#">October 15, 2015</a>	February 2015 – January 2016	February 1, 2015 – <i>June 30, 2015</i>
<a href="#">August 11, 2015</a>	<i>July 2015 – January 2016</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<a href="#">January 31, 2015</a>	<i>February 2015 – January 2016</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<a href="#">August 29, 2014</a>	<i>February 2015 – January 2016</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>

#### Family Planning Addendum

Certification Date	Original Period Certified	Actual Period Covered
<a href="#">April 15, 2016</a>	February 2016 – January 2017	February 1, 2016 - present
<a href="#">March 23, 2015</a>	February 2015 – January 2016	February 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016

### Bayou Health 1.0 (Feb 2012 – Jan 2015)

#### Prepaid Rate Certification Letters

Certification Date	Original Period Certified	Actual Period Covered
<a href="#">November 6, 2014</a>	September 2014 – January 2015	September 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015
<a href="#">November 6, 2014</a>	July 2014 – August 2014	July 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014
<a href="#">November 6, 2014</a>	April 2014 – June 2014	April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014
<a href="#">September 17, 2014</a>	<i>September 2014 – January 2015</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<a href="#">August 8, 2014</a>	<i>July 2014 – January 2015</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<a href="#">December 19, 2013</a>	January 2014 – June 2014	January 1, 2014 – <i>March 31, 2014</i>
<a href="#">November 6, 2013</a>	July 2013 – December 2013	July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013
<a href="#">June 28, 2013</a>	<i>July 2013 - December 2013</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>

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<a href="#">January 17, 2013</a>	January 2013 – June 2013	January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013
<a href="#">January 14, 2013</a>	January 2013 – June 2013	Not applicable
<a href="#">October 15, 2012</a>	November 2012 – December 2012	November 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012
<a href="#">September 14, 2012</a>	November 2012 – December 2012	Not applicable
<a href="#">September 14, 2012</a>	August 2012 – December 2012	August 1, 2012 – <i>October 31, 2012</i>
<a href="#">September 10, 2012</a>	October 2012 – December 2012	Not applicable
<a href="#">August 10, 2012</a>	August 2012 – December 2012	Not applicable
<a href="#">July 11, 2012</a>	July 2012 – December 2012	July 1, 2012 – <i>July 31, 2012</i>
<a href="#">January 25, 2012</a>	February 2012 – December 2012	February 1, 2012 – <i>June 30, 2012</i>
<a href="#">June 15, 2011</a>	January 2012 – December 2012	Not applicable
<a href="#">April 8, 2011</a>	January 2012 – December 2012	Not applicable

### Affordable Care Act (ACA) Primary Care Physician (PCP) Add-On

Certification Date	Original Period Certified	Actual Period Covered
<a href="#">August 8, 2014</a>	July 2014 – December 2014	July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014
<a href="#">April 1, 2014</a>	January 2014 – December 2014	January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014
<a href="#">December 23, 2013</a>	January 2014 – June 2014	Not applicable
<a href="#">November 6, 2013</a>	July 2013 – December 2013	July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013
<a href="#">November 6, 2013</a>	January 2013 – June 2013	January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

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Certification Date	Original Period Certified	Actual Period Covered
<a href="#">March 23, 2015</a>	February 2015 – January 2016	February 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016
<a href="#">April 3, 2015</a>	September 2014 – January 2015	September 1, 2014 – January 31, 2015
<a href="#">April 3, 2015</a>	July 2014 – August 2014	July 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014
<a href="#">April 3, 2015</a>	April 2014 – June 2014	April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014
<a href="#">December 3, 2014</a>	September 2014 – January 2015	Not applicable
<a href="#">August 8, 2014</a>	July 2014 – January 2015	July 1, 2014 – <i>March 31, 2014</i>
<a href="#">July 24, 2014</a>	January 2014 – June 2014	January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014
<a href="#">November 6, 2013</a>	July 2013 – December 2013	July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013
<a href="#">November 6, 2013</a>	January 2013 – June 2013	January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013
<a href="#">November 7, 2013</a>	November 2012 – December 2012	November 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

### Shared Savings Benchmark Letters

Benchmark Letter Date	Original Period	Actual Period Covered
<a href="#">March 24, 2015</a>	July 2014 - January 2015	July 1, 2014 - January 31, 2015

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<a href="#"><u>April 25, 2014</u></a>	January 2014 – June 2014	January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014
<a href="#"><u>February 28, 2014</u></a>	July 2013 – December 2013	July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013
<a href="#"><u>February 28, 2014</u></a>	February 2013 – June 2013	February 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013
<a href="#"><u>June 20, 2013</u></a>	<i>February 2013 – June 2013</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<a href="#"><u>April 30, 2013</u></a>	January 2013	January 1, 2013 – January 31, 2013
<a href="#"><u>August 22, 2012</u></a>	August 2012 - December 2012	August 2012 - December 2012
<a href="#"><u>January 31, 2012</u></a>	February 2012 – December 2012	February 2012 – <i>July 2012</i>
<a href="#"><u>June 15, 2011</u></a>	<i>January 2012 – December 2012</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
<a href="#"><u>April 8, 2011</u></a>	<i>January 2012 – December 2012</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>